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## New law calls for you to show your identification when you vote

When Hampton residents go to the polls November 6 they'll vote on a president, congressional representatives, a commonwealth's attorney and two proposed amendments to the state constitution. They'll also have to remember to carry a valid form of identification with them, because a state law that went into effect this summer requires all voters to show one form of identification in order to cast a regular ballot in Virginia.

### ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION

**Q:** What's acceptable identification?

**A:** Here's a list from state officials.

- Virginia voter registration card
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- Military ID
- Any federal, Virginia state or local government issued ID
- Employer-issued photo ID card
- Concealed handgun permit
- Valid student ID issued by any Virginia institution of higher education
- Current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter
- Social Security card

**Q:** What if I don't have ID when I vote?

**A:** If you go to your polling place and don't have identification, you'll have to vote a "provisional" ballot. Then you'll have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of valid identification to the electoral board. If you don't deliver the identification, your ballot won't be counted.

**Q:** What If I plan on voting by absentee ballot?

**A:** Even if you vote by mail, federal law says you have to show identification when voting for the first time. So, if you didn't send a copy of your identification with your registration application, you'll have to include an acceptable identification when you return your absentee ballot. Your ballot will be treated as a "provisional" ballot and will be counted only if you provide a copy of acceptable identification to the electoral board by noon the Friday after the election.

If you need more information, you can go online to [www.hampton.gov/voter](http://www.hampton.gov/voter) or the state election website at

[www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov). The Hampton voter registrar's office is at 1919 Commerce Drive, Suite 280, Hampton, Virginia 23666. The phone number is 757-727-6218 and the fax number is 757-727-6084.

## KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

**Election Day:** Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012

**Polls open:** 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. (anyone in line at 7 p.m. at polling place will be allowed to vote)

**Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot:**

In person is Nov. 3 - three days before election

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Some city residents may find they're in a new congressional district this year. The city had been split across three congressional districts. But because of new Census figures, that split drops to two because the 1st District no longer covers part of Hampton.

Five precincts – Burbank, Kraft, Phillips, Tucker-Capps and Sandy Bottom – move from the 1st District to the 2nd District. Machen, formerly in the 1st District, is split between the 2nd and 3rd Districts, with most residents west of Magruder Boulevard in the 2nd District and most of those east of Magruder in the 3rd. Finally, five precincts that were in the 2nd District – Armstrong, Phoebus, Hampton Library, Wythe and Kecoughtan – are now in the 3rd District.

## THE BALLOT

Presidential candidates, congressional candidates, the commonwealth attorney and two state amendments are all on the local ballot this year. Here's the list:

### PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

#### REPUBLICAN PARTY

Mitt Romney  
Paul ryan

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Barack Obama  
Joe Biden

#### CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY

Virgil Goode  
Jim Clymer

#### LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Gary Johnson  
James P. Gray

#### GREEN PARTY

Jill Stein  
Cheri Honkala Dean

#### United States Senate

George F. Allen – R  
Timothy M. Kaine – D

#### House of Representatives, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

E. Scott Rigell - R  
Paul O. Hirschbiel, Jr. – D

#### House of Representatives, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

J. Longo – R  
Robert C. “Bobby” Scott – D

#### Commonwealth's Attorney

For unexpired term to end December 31, 2013  
Anton A. Bell

## AMENDMENTS

Also on the ballot are two questions that would change the state Constitution. The questions would affect the starting date for the “veto” session of the General Assembly and the right of eminent domain in Virginia:

- Shall Section 6 of Article IV (Legislature) of the Constitution of Virginia concerning legislative sessions be amended to allow the General Assembly to delay by no more than one week the fixed starting date for the reconvened or “veto” session when the General Assembly meets after a session to consider the bills returned to it by the Governor with vetoes or amendments?
- Shall Section 11 of Article I (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to require that eminent domain only be exercised where the property taken or damaged is for public use and, except for utilities or the elimination of a public nuisance, not where the primary use is for private gain, private benefit, private enterprise, increasing jobs, increasing tax revenue, or economic development; (ii) to define what is included in just compensation for such taking or damaging of property; and (iii) to prohibit the taking or damaging of more private property than is necessary for the public use?